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Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF THE TOWN OF
RESIDENCE OF INCARCERATED PERSONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than August
2 first of the year after the year in which the federal decennial census is
3 conducted, the Department of Correction and, with respect to persons
4 confined in facilities of the Whiting Forensic Division of the
5 Connecticut Valley Hospital, the Department of Mental Health and
6 Addiction Services shall each submit a report to the Secretary of the
7 State with the following information:

8 (1) The name of each person confined in a facility of the department,
9 on the date for which the census reports population, who completed a
10 census form, responded to a census inquiry or was included in a report
11 to census officials if the form, response or report indicated that the
12 person resided at the facility on that date;

13 (2) The age, gender and race of each person included in the report;
14 and

15 (3) The last address at which the person resided before the person's
16 current confinement.

17 (b) The Secretary of the State shall request each agency that operates
18 a federal facility in this state that confines persons convicted of a
19 criminal offense to provide the Secretary of the State with a report
20 including the information set forth in subsection (a) of this section for
21 persons convicted of an offense in this state.

22 (c) For each person included in a report received under subsection
23 (a) or (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State shall determine the
24 geographic units for which population counts are reported in the
25 federal decennial census that contain the last address at which the
26 person resided before the person's confinement according to the report
27 and, if that address is in this state:

28 (1) Adjust all relevant population counts reported in the census,
29 including populations by age, gender and race, as if the person resided
30 at that address on the date for which the census reports population;
31 and

32 (2) Eliminate the person from all applicable population counts
33 reported in the federal decennial census for the geographic units that
34 include the facility at which the person was confined on the date for
35 which the census reports population.

36 (d) In determining the population of a geographic unit for purposes
37 of the distribution of state or federal funds or other benefits, or for
38 purposes of preparing a plan of districting for assembly and senatorial
39 districts, the population count as adjusted in accordance with
40 subsection (c) of this section shall be used.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase equity in redistricting and the distribution of state or federal funds by counting inmates in the population count of the towns where they resided immediately prior to incarceration.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]